

Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force

Meeting Minutes: February 14, 2011

Location: 2nd floor Town Hall meeting room, 334 Main Street, Great Barrington

Approved as Written: March 14, 2011

Present: Ron Dlugosz, co-chairperson; Jessica Dezieck, Elaine Hines, Deb Phillips, Joe Sokul, Chris Rembold (ex-officio)

Absent: Christine Ward, Nina Evans, Dale Abrams, Suzanne Fowle Schroeder

Next meeting: 3/13/2011 at 8:30 A.M., Town Hall

Minutes of last meeting, 1/10/2010: Approved with one change: BOS (Feb 28th) instead of 26th.

Rules and Regulations for Lake Mansfield: E. Hines reported that the rules and regulations were approved by the Conservation Commission on January 26th. The rules and regulations along with a cover letter were provided to the Town Manager for legal review and discussion at the Feb 28th BOS meeting. Since the Conservation Commission has the authority to develop rules and regulations, these rules and regulations would be inserted as Article V of Chapter 217 of the Great Barrington Town Code. The Conservation Commission is in the process of reviewing and updating Chapter 217. Once updated, Chapter 217 will be linked to the Town web site.

LMITF update to BOS and related Boards & Commissions: The update was reviewed and approved for release.

Wetland in Lake Mansfield watershed: E. Hines reported that a letter was sent to the Eastview Pool Association concerning the existence of a jurisdictional wetland along with alternative for controlling amphibians entering the Eastview Pool. No response has been received from the Eastview Pool Association.

Grant Updates:

604b Planning Grant: C Rembold requested LMITF support in notifying property owners along Knob Hill about the work that will be done concerning storm water mitigation. The task force voted to have Jessica Dezieck and Dale Abrams assist with this notification. The ownership of a 2,000 sq' triangular parcel located adjacent to the boat launch needs to be resolved. This parcel was originally owned by Mr. Vitale.

319 Non-point Source Pollution Grant: Currently there is no news concerning this grant. There is no contract in place and it is not known if the federal funds have been received by the State. C. Rembold will check on the status. The work will most likely take place in the spring of 2012. R. Dlugosz suggested that the task force review the plans prior to the contract for the work to assist in assuring that all necessary mitigation is considered.

Updates of Recreation Area Maintenance: J. Sokul reported that winter maintenance is in progress. DPW supported the Feb 13th family day by clearing snow for parking and lake access. Once winter is over, he will work with D. Abrams to concerning a mowing policy for this area. J. Sokul also reported that he was notified by E. Hines that an existing permit for working on a swale adjacent to Whale Rock was still valid for two more years. Work will be done in the spring to correct drainage problems in this area.

Updates from Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Parks Commission, Town Planner: No specific updates.

Upcoming Lake Mansfield Events: Lake Mansfield Alliance will hold its annual “Cabin Fever” event at Crissey Farm on Thursday March 10th from 5-8 P.M. C. Rembold stated that the event seems to be always held on the second Thursday of the month which conflicts with Planning Board meetings.

R. Dlugosz, Co-Chairman